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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: UN, MLAT, KU
SUBJECT: PRE-32ND UNGA CONSULTATIONS

REF: STATE 205678

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL INSTRUCTIONS, DCM AUG. 31 MET WITH CHIEF OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S UN AFFAIRS OFFICE (AND CURRENTLY ACTING DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS AT MFA) FAISAL AL-RIFA'I. DCM PRESENTED NINE-PAGE SINGLE-SPACED AIDE MEMOIRE CONSISTING ONLY OF TALKING POINTS EXTRACTED FROM REFTEL AND COVERING ALL ISSUES EXCEPT THOSE LABELLED "FYI" OR "IF ASKED."

2. DCM OPENED DISCUSSION BY EXPRESSING HOPE THAT WORK OF 32ND UNGA WOULD BE SERIOUS AND WORKMANLIKE WITH ALL PARTICIPANTS SEEKING TO AVOID CONTENTIOUS DEBATE IN FAVOR OF PRACTICAL RESOLUTIONS AND GENUINE PROGRESS ON THE ISSUES. HE DREW ON PARA. 5 REFTEL TO OUTLINE GENERAL USG OBJECTIVES FOR THE SESSION, AND THEN DREW AL-RIFA'I'S ATTENTION SUCCESSIVELY TO SALIENT PROIONS OF EACH ISSUE LISTED IN TALKING POINTS OF AIDE MEMOIRE. HE PLACED PARTICULAR EMPH- ASIS ON POINTS CONCERNING MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT, DISARMAMENT, PUERTO RICO, GUAM, AND HUMAN RIGHTS, AND TOUCHED ONLY
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LIGHTLY ON NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE, SUBJECT WITH WHICH AL-RIFA'I IS GENERALLY LESS INVOLVED.

3. AL-RIFA'I WAS ATTENTIVE THROUGHOUT PRESENTATION BUT MADE NO COMMENT ON ANY POINT. ASKED WHAT PARTICULAR KUWAITI OBJECTIVES FOR 32ND UNGA MIGHT BE, HE REITERATED USUAL KUWAITI STATEMENTS THAT GOK IS AS ALWAYS CONCERNED

FOR THE HEALTH AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE UN SYSTEM AND
FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THIRD WORLD INTERESTS THROUGH
THE WORK OF THAT SYSTEM. DCM TOOK OCCASION TO MAKE POINT
THAT EFFECTIVENESS OF UN AND INTERESTS OF THIRD WORLD ARE
BOTH BEST SERVED WHEN THE UNGA AVOIDS INFLAMMATORY AND
CONTENTIOUS RESOLUTIONS AND CONCENTRATES ON NEGOTIATION
OF PRACTICAL TEXTS. HE ALSO RE-EMPHASIZED SOLEMNITY OF
USG DESIRE TO WORK WITH THE THIRD WORLD.

4. COMMENT: MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IS AT PRESENT
VERY SHORT-STAFFED OWING TO RAMADHAN, SUMMER VACATIONS,
AND PREPARATIONS NOT ONLY FOR UNGA BUT UPCOMING ARAB
LEAGUE MEETING IN CAIRO. AL-RIFA'I HIMSELF WILL DEPART
IN NEXT FEW DAYS. ALTHOUGH TALKING POINTS PROVIDED REFTEL
WERE MOSTLY EXCELLENT, TAKEN ALTOGETHER THEY MAKE
A SOMEWHAT INDIGESTIBLE PACKAGE. WE WILL BE SEEKING
EARLY OPPORTUNITIES TO REINFORCE THOSE POINTS NOT
EMPHASIZED IN DCM'S DISCUSSION, BUT WE CANNOT BE
SANGUINE CONCERNING OUR EFFECTIVENESS WITH OVERBURDENED
MFA OFFICERS IN COMING WEEKS. AL-RIFA'I CAN BE EXPECTED
TO STUDY AND CIRCULATE AIDE MEMOIRE. WE WOULD POINT
OUT HOWEVER THAT GOK IS IN PROCESS OF BEEFING UP
ITS UN DELEGATION CONSIDERABLY IN ANTICIPATION OF
TAKING SEAT ON SECURITY COUNCIL. THERE SHOULD ACCORDINGLY
BE MORE UTILITY FOR USUN CONSULTATIONS WITH KUWAITI
DELEGATION THAN IN PAST YEARS.
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